

Remarks/Arguments

In response to the non-final Office Action dated March 6, 2006, please consider the following remarks.

In the Office Action issued March 6, 2006, claims 1, 4, 7-15, 17-19 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 1, 4, 7-15, and 17-19 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1, 4, 7-15, and 17-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 4, 7-15, and 17-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 as being incomplete for omitting essential elements.

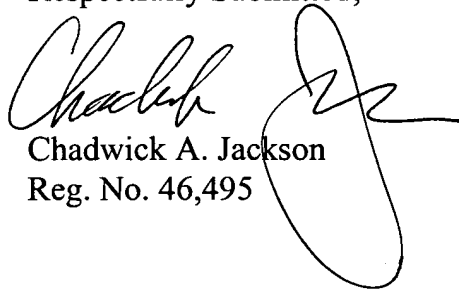
Claims 1, 4, and 7-24 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 20, and 21 have been amended in response to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101 to set forth tangible results produced by the computer implemented method. Claims 1, 20 and 21 were also amended in response to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1 to include limitation deemed by the examiner to be essential to the practice of the invention, and 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 to more particularly point out the subject matter that the inventor considers to be the invention.

Each of the claims now pending in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Additional Fees:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-5127 (19111.0037).

Respectfully Submitted,



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